

RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2005
6:00 P.M.

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with Chris Fields, Brian Sheehan, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Councilmen Byrne and McGowan were not present. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, Scott Murray, WKWH, and Starr Shuppert, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the December 21, 2004 meeting were presented for approval. Pavey made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * *

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- Commended each department and department head for their efforts over the Christmas holiday in handling the snow emergency. The hard work and extra effort was appreciated.
- Announced the appointment of Michael Beard, Jr., to the BZA Board.
- Announced the appointment of Gary Cameron to the Unsafe Hearing Board. Toby Gilliam resigned because of scheduling conflicts with his business. Bridges commended Gilliam for his dedication to the board during his tenure.
- The City Council needs to make their appointment to the APC and ECDC for 2005. Sheehan made a motion to retain Fields to the APC Board, and to retain McGowan to the ECDC Board. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- January 5 at 10:00 a.m. there will be a preliminary field check meeting with Certified Engineering on the SR3 reconstruction project. The meeting will be held at the City Utilities Office.
- Bill Goins asked that the City Council be notified of the Martin Luther King, Jr., celebration at the Mt Zion Church in Connersville on January 16th.
- The policy handbook committee will be reviewing our policies, as well as policies from other communities. Members of the committee are Mike Pavey, Chris Fields, Paul David Smith, Ann Copley, a representative from the private sector, and myself.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * *

Copley passed out a list of encumbrances to be carried over to this year's budget. Sheehan made a motion to approve the encumbrances as presented. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Copley said that she had spoken with the Mayor regarding carrying forward money from the 2004 budget for the Rainy Day Fund. Their opinion was to carry forward \$37,802.92, which was revenue, received from riverboat funds. She said if Council was interested in transferring any other monies to the Rainy Day Fund they should let her know before the next meeting.

Reminded the Department Heads to turn in their updated inventory to her.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT * * *

Pavey said the Planning and Zoning is at the same impasse and they are working on mapping.

Handbook Policy is in progress of being revised. He urged Department Heads to get any suggestions in to committee members.

Regarding the release of the bond for Bennett and Bennett, testing is being completed. Pavey suggested that the City not release any more than 75% and not to release that portion until written reports have been received. Fields moved to have the City Engineer review the work prior to the release of the bond. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS * * *

Sheehan said the wage study is progressing. He is now receiving job descriptions. He will continue to report to Council as to the progress. He said he was pleased with the cooperation he has received. He will continue meeting with all departments.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Police – Fudge handed out the 2004 annual report. Fudge also commended Sheehan on his work on the wage study. He said the new dispatch equipment is

in place and invited Council to stop and take a look at it. He noted that almost all materials were purchased with 911 funds.

Fire – Clark gave his 2004-year end report.

Councilman Fields thanked the Fire Department and other City Departments for all of their help in the recent water problems, which occurred at Miller's Merry Manor. He said they definitely went above and beyond.

Street – Bennett said during the snow emergency of December 22–29 his men logged 380 overtime hours. He also commended them on their dedication and hard work. He said they had experienced some problems, but believed all repairs had not been completed.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * *

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

Amendment to Letter of Intent Sewer and Water Annexation Projects– The amendment was an extension of time until December 31, 2005. Fields made a motion to approve the amendment for both the water and sewer. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Grinder Pumps – Fields made a motion that the City as a utility would own and maintain the grinder pumps in the area to be annexed. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Release of Easement – Sheehan made a motion to approve Resolution 2005-1, releasing an easement of 15 feet for the development of the CVS store. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims – Fields made a motion to approve the month-end claims as presented. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before Council, Pavey made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER